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SUBJ: PROPOSED AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

CONCERNING WEATHER ADVISORY SERVICE

REF: THE HAGUE 3926

1. EMBASSY NOW HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DATED JULY 25:

QUOTE. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS IT COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND, WITH REFERENCE TO THE LATTER'S NOTE NO. 15 OF 28 APRIL 1978 CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL BY THE UNITED STATES TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON A HURRICANE MONITORING AND FORECASTING PROGRAMME FOR THE CARIBBEAN, WISHES TO DRAW THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING.

IN THE COURSE OF RESEARCH IN CONNECTION
WITH THE ABOVE PROPOSAL IT HAS COME TO THE MINISTRY'S
ATTENTION THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND
AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES OF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCLUDED AT THE HAGUE ON 15 JUNE 1970 IS STILL IN FORCE IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND THE MINISTRY THEREFORE WONDERS WHETHER IN PROPOSING THE CONCLUSION OF THE NEW AGREEMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE EXISTENCE OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT.

IF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TAKE THE VIEW THAT THE COOPERATION TO BE REGULATED IN THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT COVERS THE SAME GROUND AS THE COOPERATION REGULATED BY THE 1970 AGREEMENT, THE MEMORANDUM MAY BE REGARDED, SUBJECT TO A MINOR CHANGE IN THE PREAMBLE, AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITEM 10 OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT AND THE PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON A NEW AGREEMENT WILL BE RENDERED UNNECESSARY.

IF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES DO NOT HOLD THIS VIEW, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE REASONS FOR THIS AND WILL OF COURSE BE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS. BROWN

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